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HOW POWERFUL IS IT?

If the Attorney General of Pennsylvania is fully in earnest in his move against the water-inflated Western Union Telegraph Company, that concern which now snaps its fingers alike at citizens, at laws and at Constitutions will have to come down a peg. Everyone knows that there is a provision in the Pennsylvania Constitution against the consolidation of telegraph companies. Everyone knows that the Western Union has on three distinct occasions defied that provision. It has bought and bribed competition out of the field in order that it might levy an extra tax on the public to pay dividends on the water in its inflated stock; and it has done this with that audacious and cool indifference to the law which its master-spirits have never tailed to show when it suited their purpose. Having swallowed the Mutual Union and the American Union without interference, or so far as we know even protest from the State, the Western Union was of course not deterred for a moment by Pennsylvania's Constitution from gobbling the B. & O. when opportunity offered.

Considering how openly corporations at their pleasure succeed in defying the fundamental laws of the State and of the nation. it is not surprising that news of the move against the Western Union has already been met by the sneer that the concern in question will know how to obtain a stay of proceedings.

trusts that no such reproach will attack the State administration. It accepts as satisfactory Attorney General Kirkpatrick'sdeclaration that the twelve months of delay have been occupied in preparing the evidence. It hopes that, now the case is started, nothing will prevent its adjudication. Let it be publicly known to all citizens of Pennsylvania whether their Constitution is null and void when it comes in conflict with those schemes by which promoters of corporations first fill their pockets with watered stock and afterward conspire to shut off competithem dividends on the bogus stock as well as that which represents actual cash or labor

A forfeiture of a few millions of the Western Union's property in Pennsylvania -the penalty which the law prescribeswould teach a useful lesson. What a howl would go up from that corporation if the proceedings so resulted; and yet by buying out competing lines in defiance of the Constitution, and by unlawful combinations it succeeds in making such arbitrary charges to the public as transfers from the pockets of citizens of Pennsylvania to its coffers for more money every year than the interest on all its possessions in this State. It has established a virtual monopoly which can practically levy any tax it please on the business of the country. Can it also, at will, upset the Constitutions of States and paralyze the executive arm of the law? We

## THE VALUE OF PAISE TEETH

At Victoria, B. C., two houses were destroved by fire the other day and the correspondent who describes the disaster states that "one woman was so fearful of the loss of the valuables in her bureau drawer that a fireman risked his life to save them. He found only a set of artificial teeth." From the last sentence we infer that the

writer is of the opinion that false teeth cannot properly be called valuables. He is probably a stripling to whom, of course, false teeth have no more worth than a bear skin would have in eyes of a lizard. But he should not conclude that because false teeth are not treasures to him they are precious to nobody. Doubtless that alarmed old woman had good reason for classing her false teeth as valuables. Maybe they were all that stood between her and the silent grave. Withour them she could not talk; without woman, even in British Columbia, if she can neither speak nor eat? Is it wonderful that she watched with horror the flames wreathing their red tongues around the bureau in which her teeth lay? We can see her stretching out her bands and pleading with the firemen to save her little all. And if the spectators did not cheer when the fireman came down the ladder, teeth in hand, then Victoria deserves its appendage of B. C., in a chronological sense. False teeth not valuable? Well, as they

## say in France, we shall see.

THE SCOPE OF THE CENSUS The propositions with regard to taking the eleventh census of the United States have called forth an almost unanimous ex-The imminent peril that the last census will would in his deliverance upon this

of the last census is likely to produce a re- generalizations are plentiful in Mr. Piatt's action in the other direction. This is indi- article, facts are very few and not at all cated by the incisive remark of the New new. Mr. Foster's silly campaign circular, York Sun, that the seven volumes proposed | Senator Ingalls' advice to a Kansas delegate by the House bill on the census are too many, at the Chicago Convention to nominate and that three volumes are sufficient. This some such fellow as Phelps, who can tap would enable the inquiries of the census to | Wall street," and the alleged Dudley circugo little beyond the statistics of population | lar directing the handling of floaters in Inand some of the leading items of produc- diana "in blocks of five or more," constitute tion. It would go as far in the direction of the entire basis for Mr. Piatt's charge that a narrowing the scope of the census as the President of the United States has been last one did in diffusing it all over the fol- elected by wholesale bribery.

The fact is that the trouble with the last full information was important and interesting to the nation. But the whole report

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to a weighing machine. Gladstone is in splendid health at present, and even talks of climbit, and consequently the proof afforded of ing Vesuvius.

could, with strict regulation, have given in the personal corruption of these three mer This would have cut the total down to about more useful than it now is.

If the new census is energetically pushed and carefully edited, it ought to give a full the natural desire to discredit view of our social and industrial growth in political foe. It is not to the work getting too large.

#### THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Governor's message, which is published in full to-day, treats of a wide scope | mere sham, to shame us before the world," of subjects and necessarily occupies considerable space. It is inevitably so, and is hardly to be criticised for its length, although the unique references to that quality at the close of the message implies a suspicion that it needs an apology on that

The subject most fully treated in the message is that of revenue and taxation; and, in that connection the failure of the revenue law passed two years ago is considered at length. The most creditable explanation is presented of the remarkable omission of a vital signature; and the rather questionable idea is advanced "that it was perhaps well for the Commonweath that the bill did not become a law" It is necessary to dissent from any such view. It is never well for any Commonwealth that legislation deliberately planned by the legislative authority shall be pullified by either stupidity or collusion on the part of the officials of the Legislature. While there may be foundstion for the Gubernatorial belief that the bill was not all that it should be, the further fact set forth in the message that millions of corporate and personal property are escaping their just share of taxation, leaves it pertinent to ask why this condition of affairs was left to continue for two years without calling a session of the Legislature to rectify the miscarriage of the last bill. It is to be hoped that the Governor's recommendations on this subject may bear fruit in measures equalizing taxation at this session. As the Governor well says: "Men are more essential to the life of the Commonwealth than money."

The recommendations with regard to inmining schools, and the orphans' schools show a careful consideration of these important subjects. The suggestion that the transfer of the orphan school pupils to the normal schools would benethe latter "by thus furnishing them pupils for their model schools," the narrow Republican majority in the reveals a unique need for model educa- House of Representatives may be wiped tional institutions. If institutions of that out by the death of some of the members class are in need of pupils, it indicates something radically wrong either with the hope seems to be based on the opinion that

schools or the public. The notice given to the generally bad con- immortal. dition of the country roads throughout the State, lends force to the idea which has been discussed by THE DISPATCH of using convict labor in building first-class roads nell's connection with the Fenian outrages; tion, so that the public shall have to pay throughout the country. The recommendation but that dodge is so old with the Times that tions for simplifying legal practice and its renewal does not attract any attention. giving the Supreme Court the benefit of modern inventions in the preparation of their decisions are timely.

The message is in the main a business document, and pays no attention to politics. If the Legislature will exhibit a similar choice of subjects for consideration, the sespeople of the State than several of its pre- peating? decessors put together.

## THE ESTIMATES FOR '89.

Those reports from the Chiefs of Departments will need careful examination detail by detail, and then again in bulk before they come up in Council Some of the demands made, for instance, nearly \$150,000 extra for fire and police, will find the public in an emphatically non-concurrent mood. The property-owner who has been able to pay his still lives, will not see why he should dive voted down by a large majority. his hand deeper into his pocket for police and fire protection for 1889. There is a point at which he will offer sturdy resistance, Having been told that last year's expenses represented the fair running cost of the city government he will likely plant both feet on that platform with the firmness of intelligent conviction which results from seeing that the city has neither been burned nor plundered during the past twelve months. Insurance rates do not diminish in proporas in activity that the police force becomes | will profit by the example.

formidable to offenders. Of course when we come to the streets it Of course when we come to the streets it is very apparent that more is to be done in 1889 than was attempted in 1888; and demands for more money may well be expected. This is because of special work which may be small one year and large the next, or vice versa. But as for the ordinary running, expenses of the city the taxpayer will want them down to a business basis; and the heads of all the departments can rely upon it that the scrutiny of items will be quite close. Economy is looked for as them she could not eat; and what is life to a next, or vice versa. But as for the ordinary be quite close. Economy is looked for as | very good encyclopedia. well as efficiency.

## MR. PIATT'S JEREMIAD.

It will not add to the fame of Donn Piatt to figure as the author of such a sweeping and unreasonable charge as the following, which we quote from an article from his pen in Belford's Magazine:

There is not a man, woman or child in our country possessed of any brain but knows that Benjamin Harrison was elected President by open, wholesale bribery.

Mr. Piatt either knowingly says that

which is untrue, or without proper thought pression of opinion that it must not present | slanders his native land. If he possesses uch an excessive example of eternity in the qualification he defines for "a man, time, as was realized by the tenth census. woman or child in our country" he not be completed before the new one is be- momentous question have seen the gun makes the need of restriction indisput- necessity of marshaling facts in support of such a tremendous indictment. But the extraordinarily protracted nature | But while big-sounding words and vague

THE DISPATCH is with Mr. Piatt, any other man, in an honest attempt to discensus was not so much in excessive scope close political debauchery if it exists, to as in permitting the special reports to spin prevent the bribery of voters, or to guard out without any regard to either time or space. the purity of the ballot. But THE DIS-Of the twenty-two volumes of the census, prob- PATCH does not believe that Mr. Foster, ably two-thirds dealt with topics on which Mr. Dudley, or even Senator Ingalls, repre-

eleven or twelve volumes all the informa- cannot convict, in our judgment of the party. tion now spread out through the twenty-two. The election occurred two months ago and the most serious allegation of corrupt practhe seven volumes contemplated by the bill, tises, founded on the alleged Dudley circuand in that form the census would have been | lar, has not been properly proved yet, although the Democrats of Indiana possess the means and the machinery, as well as about seven or eight volumes. One of the denied that the raising of enormous most effective methods for securing prompt | campaign funds is dangerous and abominawork would be a provision in the bill that | ble. THE DISPATCH has never been backall reports, special or otherwise, must be | ward in denouncing large expenditures of completed within two years from the com- money in politics, even though the treasure mencement of work, in order to be paid for be squandered in ways that are not absoout of the appropriation. With that done lutely illegal. Doubtless too much money was there will be little danger of the scope of spent on both sides during the last campaign; doubtless there were men wicked

> as Mr. Piatt says, we do not believe. Neither do we believe that Mr. Piatt, de prived of his envelope of anger and disappointment at defeat, would still insist on bewailing the downfall of our Republican institutions.

enough to bribe and be bribed, but that the

great political fabric has passed into the

hands of corrupt dealers and has become "a

MR CHAUNCY M DEPRW declares that John Sherman had nothing to do with the nomination of General Harrison. As this is just what every aspirant for position says of his opponents, it is timely to suggest to the genial Mr. Depew that a man of his talents should evolve something original in this connection. Such a stroke of art, for example, as saving that the other fellows have a better claim for the place, would keep up his reputation for strikingly novel

THE Quay slate took the legislative posi tion vesterday without enough of a fight to make it interesting. THE DISPATCH was of opinion that when your Uncle Errett started out for a position he would be likely to pocket the persimmon.

GEN. HARRISON'S reported declaration that "no one will ever put me in his breeches pocket" is general construed to mean that Blaine's Cabinet chances are not worth mentioning. But is not the opinion that Blaine cannot be a member of the Cabinet without carrying the whole government in his pocket, more flattering to Blaine than to the President-elect and the other fellows?

SIXTY pauper immigrants were sent back from New York last week to the dustrial training, schools for scamanship, countries which had sent them here. It seems that investigation has some effect in spurring up public officials to the point of doing their duty.

It is rather amusing to find our Democratic cotemporaries nursing the hope that before the regular session begins. This when a Democrat once gets into office he 18

trying to bribe witnesses to swear to Par-

THE claim of the K. of L. officials that three-fourths of the miners in this section belong to that organization, and that of the miners' union that two-thirds of the miners have joined it, indicates a surplus of miners. Is it possible that any of the memsion will probably be more useful to the bers of that hard-working industry are re-

> THE New Year's call has fallen into innocuous desuetude. Gilded youth desirous of swearing-off with a spree, have to do it at their own expense by patronizing the

regularly licensed saloons. BERRY WALL is reported as saying that if American actors are protected against the competition of the pauper tragedians of Europe he will go on the stage. That ought to settle it. Any step which will induce taxes and insurance through 1888, and who the dudish Berry to exhibit himself will be

> THE report that a florists' trust has been organized, may be passed over with slight attention in view of the fact that it can make no difference in the price of

THE Savannah News has joined the phalanx of Southern papers that are anxious to have the Northern press denounce the White Caps as much as the KuKlux. tion as new thousands are laid out on the | As that is exactly what the Northern press fire apparatus, nor is it in numbers so much is doing we hope that the esteemed News

THE Citizens' Traction road, after letting

MILAN, the malodorous, appears to have succeeded in discovering a new manner to make himself a stench in the nostrils o

small but perniciously active island might take the fearful revenge of ceding itself to the United States; and then we would find ourselves in the position of the man who caught a Tartar.

Don't forget in dating your letters to day to cross out your inadvertent "8's" and write in the "9's" over them.

## PUBLIC PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

MARY ANDERSON is meeting with success i Boston. She was clever enough to let that city know that she had met Mr. Browning. MRS. HUMPHREY WARD, author of "Robert Elsmere," is very much annoyed at the reports

that her famous story is to be dramatized. MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE are accompanied on their Italian tour by their daughter, Mrs. Drew, whose husband is curate of Hawarden. A SISTER of the late Colorow, Chief of the Southern Utes, died the day after her brother's demise. She was old and feeble and could not withstand the sad news of the renegade's de-parture. The public, however, has borne Golo-

row's death with great equanimity. On Saturday William E. Gladstone reached On Saturday William E. Gladstone reached his 79th year. Naples and Hawarden both re-alized this fact. Gladstone is now at the former place, and the telegraph office there was over-worked in the effort to keep pace with the congratulatory messages sent to him from all parts of the world. Countless presents went to Hawarden. Oxford sent him a silver lamp. Cambridge presented him with rare books. There were all sorts of gifts, from sweetmeats

#### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

The Mariner's Fear of Land-A Tale of a

Jolly Boatswain. IN an inland city, such as Pittsburg, there as always plenty of people to be found w.ose dread of the sea would prevent them from rusting themselves on board an ocean steamer. A few men, and almost any number of womer are known to me who could not be induced to cross the Atlantic. Perhaps a good many of these timorous ones would be converted if they were to go on board such a floating town as the Inman "City of Chicago," or any other of the gigantic Atlantic liners. Of course, there are many, also, who do not favor going down to the sea in ships, because of the attendant terror o sea sickness Great and unreasonable as is the landsman's

dread of the sea, it is equaled very often by the seaman's dread of travel on land. A SHORT time ago a young Pittsburger, who

happened to be in New York, encountered the captain of a Cunarder with whom he was well acquainted. The captain possesses literally world-wide fame, and a braver or better sca-man does not breathe. He had been often invited to visit this city before-for he has not only friends of travel, but at least one school nate here-and the young Pittsburger begged im to accompany him on his return home. But the old sea dog thanked him kindly but added, "Nothing could induce me to trust myself to a railway train over the Allegheny Mountains. No, sir! it's too much of a risk for me to trust my bones on such a journey."

And yet if you should chance to cross the Atlantic in that old captain's ship in the wildest weather of the year, when the winds are contrary, the waves mountains high, and fog wrapping the great steamer in a dozen extra langers, I'll wager you'd find him at the monents of greatest peril, cool, calm and courageous. He cares not for the dangers of the sea; he knows them all-but the dangers of the land he wots not of and they are terrible to

TALKING of ships and the sea, I am re minded of a story that a traveler told me re-cently to illustrate and enforce his belief in

the honesty and fidelity of sailors.
"I was crossing the Atlantic from New York in a Cunarder a year or two ago," said the traveler, "and as we reached the ocean on our first night out we passed the wreck of the Oregon outside the bar. That ill-fated Cunrder had but recently sunk and there was a light hanging from the masthead, which was above water, to show passing vessels the locaion of the wreck. I was on deck as we sighted the light and I asked a sailor standing near me what it was. He told me and we gradually drifted into conversation. He had been a sailor on the Oregon when she sank, and I remember how graphically he described the way in which the passengers were packed into the life-boats, by laying them in layers crossways.

"Well, when the chat came to an end, I hand ed my sailor friend a shilling to get some grog. The next morning I met him again on deck, and he touched his hat and asked me if I was the man he had talked with the night before. 1 told him I was, and he said: Then, I guess, you didn't mean to give me this, did you?' and he held up a sovereign. I had mistaken the English gold equivalent of a \$5 gold piece for a shilling. That was pretty honest in my sailor friend, wasn't it? I didn't let him suffer for his honesty. I told him to keep the sovereign. We had many chats after that, and he proved a

"IT chanced" continued the traveler "that I me back on the same steamer a few months later, and I renewed my acquaintance with the sailor. As we neared the journey's end there was the usual sale of pools on the number of the pilot boat which should take us into New York harbor. I had lost so much money in the pools before that I didn't think of buying any this time. But my friend the boatswain came IT appears that the London Times is still to me and told me that if I had any thought of that's the pilot who takes this vessel in nine bon ht number 19 for about \$15. I think it was. "I didn't stay up all night watching for the pilot as some men do, but went to bed. I was awakened in the morning by hearing a young lady in the state room next mine exclaim. 'Oh!

"I found that it was true and I won about \$500 in the pools. You can bet I gave the boatswain a fat share of the fortune his tip brought me."

## A BOSTON BOODLER.

He Pockets a Quarter of a Million or Public Funds. Special Telegram to the Dispatch. Boston, January L-A year or two ago

rumor crept into print that Mr. Leighton, for many years clerk of the Municipal Court, was a defaulter to an amount of not less than \$250. 000. The rumor was emphatically denied by Mr. Leighton, and there was really not much ground for the story, except that an accountant was examining his books. The matter was dropped. The accountant was kept at work on Leighton's books, and he has been at work ever since.
The result of his labors has not been made

The result of his labors has not been made public, but it is understood that the deficiencies in the ex-clerk's accounts will not be much less than the amount above stated. The first official reference to the matter was made by Mayor O'Brien last night. It was embodied in a veto of an order authorizing the expenditure of \$18,000 for certain county expenses. Mr. Leighton is still living in style at his residence at the Back Bay. He is reputed to be worth nearly \$500,000.

#### THE GREAT BORE LIGHTED. The Westinghouse Company Completes Its

Hoosac Tunnel Contract.

ALBANY, January 1.—The Fitchburg Railroad Company, a year ago last November, con-tracted with the Westinghouse Electric Light Company of Pittsburg to light the Hoesac tunnel. The system has at last been completed after a year's work. The obstacles encountered have been thought to be almost insurmountable

Singular Information About Americans. From an Article by Max O'Rell in the Forum.] It most strike Europeans as very droll to see ladies attired in low-necked ball dresses to receive afternoon callers, but I found the prac-

decent Europe.

It would be well to be careful about asking too much indemnity from Hayti. That wrote to the Town Council of Paris to ask for the loan of the Arc de Triomphe, which he was anxious to decorate in honor of the wedding and have the special use of during the day. He was politely informed that the arch was not to let. "Then I will buy it," he replied; "name

The American woman does not render to man a tithe of the devotion she receives from ish; but, if I am right, I may add, that like children, they will learn. It is by voting that onle learn to vote.

Cast Steel Guns and Naval Officers.

From the New York Tribune. Whatever may have been the cause of the unfortunate and disastrous bursting of the six-hich cast steel gun at the Annapolis proving ground, we would suggest to the officers in charge of those tests to bear in mind the apt remark of the late Charles Sumner in the French arms investigation discussion: "A child should be nursed by one who loves it." The gun was both a theoretical and a practical novelty; hence an attempt should have been made by the officers to increase their knowledge of the behavior of Bessemer steel under strain of firing.

Application of Convict Labor to Ronds. From the Philadelphia Record. ] THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH favors the appli-

cation of convict labor to the roads of the country. No industry would be disturbed by convict labor so applied, and there is much to be said in favor of it. The only serious ob-jection lies in the public spectacle of com-pulsory servile labor under such restraint and

## A LETTER LOST FOR SIX YEARS.

How Two Lovers Learned Too Late the Fate of a Missing Note.

From the Detroit Free Press,] Janet Russell was the belle of the village, Canadian village on the St. Lawrence, and was admired by all the swains who dwelt in those parts, but her "steady company" was a handvillage postmaster, who also kept a general store. John and Janet went together to a rustic frolic one night, and on the road John asked the old question, which was answered in the affirmative. Things went nicely, but at last, Janet dancing twice in succession with a young fellow whom he had looked upon as a rival, John felt bad, and on the way home sharp words passed between them. The girl told him she wished it had been Charley Hall (the rival) who had asked her the question before mentioned, whereat John said he would give her a day to take that back, and if not—why, all was over between them. Janet relented when she had time to think about it, and the next morning wrote a note to John and dropped it into the letter-box at old Mr. Miller's store. wrote a note to John and dropped it into the letter-box at old Mr. Miller's store.

Time passed on. A year or so after that Charley Hall and Janet Russell were married, and John Miller was wedded to another girl. Some five years passed and old Mr. Miller died, leaving his property and his store to his son, who at once set about making improvements. And it so happened that the day the oid letter box was broken up, Mrs. Hall, accompanied by her eldest daughter, 4 years old, was in the store. A letter dropped to the floor; a workman picked it up, an lwith the remark, "Here's an old letter addressed to you, Mr. Miller," passed it to John. At the moment he was talking to his old sweetheart.

He took the letter and turned it over and over in his hand. As Janet's eyes fell on it she blushed. John opened the note and read it, then he handed it to Janet with a bow and the words: "That has been in the box ever since the day after we went to the dance at Turner's. Ah, Janet, if I had only known!" Mrs. Hall took her child by the hand and went home without a word. Janet's poor little note had been caught and concealed for nearly six years, and had changed the current of two lives, but for better or worse who can tell?

#### ALIVE, YET LEGALLY DEAD. Peculiar Operations of the Law In Cases of Life Imprisonment.

from the New York Herald.] It is not generally known that when a person is sentenced to imprisonment for life in this State he is regarded as legally dead. The Surrogate of Westchester county will so con-sider Francis E. Brouty, who under the will of his father, the late Francis Brouty, of Mount Vernon, was devised property worth \$15,000 or \$20,000, which he would have taken if he had not been sent to Sing Sing prison for the rest of his natural life for the murder of Police man Woods.

I had a talk with Warden Brush, of Sing ing, on this subject. He told me that there had been several cases like that of Brouty. A good many years ago, the son of a milli of this city was sent to the prison for life. Some time after that the father died, and his will was offered for probate just as the elder will was offered for probate just as the elder Brouty's has been. In the partition of the estate the convict was utterly ignored, and his share was divided among the other children of the deceased. After a while new evidence was discovered which plainly showed that an innocent man had been convicted of murder. The matter was properly placed before the Governor, who not only granted the unfortunate victim of circumstantial evidence his freedom, but issued a full pardon, which restored him to citizenship. cumstantial evidence his freedom, but issued a full pardon, which restored him to citizenship. This it was anticipated would place the unjustly accused man in the eye of the law exactly on the same footing as before his conviction. Not so, however, for when he brought suit against those among whom his father's estate had been divided to recover his share the case was thrown out of court. A decision was rendered, in effect, that as he had once been dead in law he must remain so.

## TROUBLESOME GIFT.

a Man Has Fron Christmas Present. rom the New York Sun.] "That's your Christmas, is it? A silver dollar

of 1888, nice and new and shiny. Is your wife going to put a hole in it and hang it round your neck on a ribbon? Thinks you haven't cut "No, but she has done this to it, and thinks it s so nice for me, 'cause I can always carry it in my pocket," and, touching the letter e in the inscription on the dollar, it flew open, revealing two hollow halves, the inside of one bearing his engraved monogram, with the date, and from the other smiling the portrait of a beauti-ful woman, with full, soft lips and wistful dusky

ful woman, with full, soft lips and wistful dusky eyes.

"Her picture, you know. It is nice, it's very nice," he continued. "I don't see how I ever lived without it. The first thing I did was to spend it for cigars. I ran back three blocks, offered the boy \$2 for it, and paid him two more to run after a crusty old party to whom he had given it in change; then I spent it for a glass of brandy and soda in an art gallery, went in and played a game or two, thought of it, and set every boy in the place hunting for it. The fellows all turned their pockets inside out, and at last it was found. I believe it cost me about \$7\$ that time. Let me see, seven and three are ten, and six just now, make \$16 in 24 hours. Oh, it's a great success—immense."

## ITS VOICE IS LARGE.

But the Baby is a Year Old and Weighs Only Three Pounds.

DETROIT, January 1.-A wee little bundle done up in any number of diminutive bed clothes, was a center of great attraction yesterday. It was the Windsor one-pound baby. Mr. and Mrs. McEwen, living in the western portion of our Canadian suburb, are the proud parents of the lilliputian. Dr. Reams, of Windsor, guarantees that the child when born weighed less than 16 ounces. It is now a year old and weighs three ounces less than three pounds. Its voice has grown all out of proportion to its size. It proved of immense interest to mothers in the audience.

He Got His Watch Back. Pottstown, January L.-At a fair at Faegleysville, three miles from here, a watch and The man who lost his watch stationed himsel-The man who lost his watch stationed himself at the door, drew a knife and refused to let anybody out until his property was returned. Several persons then flourished revolvers and knives, and for several minutes the wildest excitement prevailed. Finally the thief returned the watch to the owner.

Salem's New Year's Gift. Special Telegram to the Dispatch.
SALEM, O., January 1.—The Salem Dail. News made its first appearance this evening. It is a neat, six-column sheet, published by J. W. Northrop, former publisher of the Buckeye Videte. G. W. Peut, of Beaver Falls, is associated with the six of the second sec

RHYMES FOR THE NEW YEAR. TAKE AS DIRECTED. About this time 'most every year Upon the druggists' shelves Two vials at the outer edge Full well they know that New Year's Day. And also New Year's night, Will make of many manly heads A large and awful sight. To conquer sundry aches and pains, And throbbing veins subdue. These little powders counteract The city's earmine hue. Apollinaris lends its aid,

And sparkling vichy bright, Combined with sodil bi-carb, And bismuthi sub nib. TWO SIDES. Now ladies of uncertain age, Who realize their fate, Regret they did not make the leap In 1888.

Now bashful bachelors once more The sheltering woods resign, To hall with joy the welcome year DEBTS. It's not among the poor you'll find The men who most the dun dread;

The ones who run the most behind Are of the big 400. WORDS OF WISDOM The friend you meet among the throng Who of your welfare questions you-Just let him think you get along A little better than you do.

THE SWALL BOY. Though we are taught it is sublime To rise from low degree, The small boy shouldn't try to climb Upon the Christmas tree. WALTHAM, MASS., January 1.-Charles V THE YOUNG MAN.

The young man with a bank account Among economists should rank, Providing that this good amount Isn's put into a fare bank.

#### NEW YEAR'S IN NEW YORK.

The Hotels Celebrate the Day by Setting Elaborate Free Lunches.

special Telegram to the Dispatch. NEW YORK, January 1.-There was a marked difference in the manner of the various hotels in receiving their guests and customers to-day, spread as in the Marlboro Hotel. In the cafe adjoining the office was a big table that fairly groaned beneath the weight of the dishes that groaned beneath the weight of the dishes that for three days Steward Henry Borel and August Duin, the chief, had been preparing. A striped bass, weighing 42 pounds, was the center piece, so built on # tower of jelly and pastry work as to seem invincible. A pyramid of boiled lobsters, five feet high, stood behind it, while on every hand were English pheasants, partridges, and quail. There was a game salmi, several huge turkeys, four big squares of beef, and salads of all kinds.

At the Parker House Chief Steward, Charles Steward, who used to be at Delmonico's, had charge of the arrangements. On a little side table was an immense piece of cold corn beef that was surrounded by every vegetable in season. Another table held a Kennebec salmon that was surrounded by every vegetable in season. Another table held a Kennebec saimon in holiday garb. Jellies, fruits and wines were in profusion, and justice was done to the good

in profusion, and justice was done to the good things.

The Hoffman House was jammed during the entire afternoon, and the big table in the cafe was crowded. Wonderful structures were tumbling over under the attack of hungry men. The chef, E. Laperruque, had several fine specimens of his handiwork on the table. One was a wonderful creation made entirely out of suet. It represented a table three feet long, on which stood a wild boar fighting with dogs. It looked like a work in Parian marble.

The Morton House did things up in great shape, and ended up the day in a philanthropic manner. There was a big Kennebec salmon there, and huge mounds of roast and corn beef, turkeys, chickens and salads. At 8 o'clock all the messenger boys that could be gathered in from the various offices were brought in front of the feast and helped to all they could eat. The little fellows showed their appreciation of this kindness by acting like gentlemen.

## A SCOTCH SERMON.

Some Reasons Why Discontented Peopl Ought to be Happy.

From Social Gleanings, by Mark Boyd.] "Ah, my friends, what causes have we fo gratitude—oh, yes, for the deepest gratitude! Look at the place of our habitation! How grateful should we be that we do not leeve in the far north; oh no! amid the frost and the snow, and the cauld and the weet, oh no! where there's a lang day tae half o' the year, oh yes! and a lang, lang nicht the tither, oh yes! that we do not depend upon the Aurawry reawlis, oh no! that we do not gang shiver ing about in skins, oh no! smoking amang the snaw like mowdiwarts, oh no, no! and how graateful should we be that we do not leeve in the far South, beneath the equawter, and a sun aye burnin' burnin', where the sky' het, and ye're burnt black as a smiddy, oh yes! where there's teegers, oh yes! and lions, oh yes! and crocodiles, oh yes! and fearsome beasts growlin' and grinnin' at ye among the woods, where the very air is a fever, like the burnin' breath o' a flery drawgon; that we do not leeve in these places, oh no, no, no! no! But that we leeve in this blessit island of oors, callit Great Britain, oh, yes! yes! and in that pairt of it named Scotland, and in that bit o' auld Scotland that looks up at Ben Nevis, oh yes! yes! yes! where there' neither frost nor cauld, nor wund, nor weet, nor hail, nor rain, nor teegers, nor lions, no burnin' suns, nor hurricanes, nor-" Here tremendous blast of wind and rain from Be Nevis blew in the windows of the kirk, and brought the preacher's eloquence to an abrupt

#### BELGIUM'S IRON TRADE. Interesting Information About the Condi tion of the Business There.

From the North British Mail.] The production of finished iron in Belgium a disadvantage as regards the raw material. The demand for girders was unusually active on the part of the United States, and the exportation to Italy was greatly increased in an-ticipation of a change in the Italian customs tariff. Great Britain also imports large quan-tities of girders from Belgium, though it regutities of girders from Belgium, though it regulates the prices on that market as regards bars
and merchant iron in general. The extraordinary activity that prevailed in the German iron
market had a remarkable influence on the
position of the Belgian ironmasters, who had
been accustomed to procure a large proportion
of their refining pig-iron from Luxemburg, but
as the works in the latter country found it was
more advantageous last year to dispose of their
production in Germany, the Belgians were
compelled to cover their requirements in
Great Britain and France, since owing to the
comparatively high price of coal and coke they
were unable to increase their own production
of pig-iron to any great extent. There are at
present 39 rolling mills in Belgium, with 316
motors driven by steam and water power, representing together a force of rather more than
9,000 H. P. The number of hands employed in
the mills is stated to be 5,388, and their average
daily wages amounted in 1887 to 3,07fs, the total production of bars, girders, plates and
sheets being about 330,000 tons.

## MAYOR GRANT, OF NEW YORK.

Hewitt Is Glad That His Duties Are at an End. NEW YORK, January 1 .- At 12 o'clock to-day the new Mayor, Hugh J. Grant, was led to his desk in the City Hall by Hon. Abram S. Hewitt. For more than an hour previous the City Hall was filled by a throng to witness the ceremony of the incoming Mayor's introduction into office. Mayor Hewitt first received Mr.

into office. Mayor Hewitt first received Mr. Grant in his private room. After a brief conversation both gentlemen entered the Mayor's office, and leading Mr. Grant to the Mayor's desk, Mr. Hewitt said:

"According to law the hour of 12 o'clock this day brings my official duties to an end and your's as Mayor begin. I can only say that if you have half the pleasure in taking up these duties that I have in laying them down, you must feel a very happy man. I wish you every happiness in your administration."

Then turning to the assemblage, Mayor Hewitt continued: "Gentlemen, I introduce to you the Mayor of the city of New York." and then walked out of the building. There was a good deal of cheering for Mayor Grant, but when the crowd bethought itself of the outgoing Mayor and gave him a lusty cheer, Mr. Hewitt was out of hearing distance. Other heads of departments elected in November were also installed.

#### THE COPTRIGHTERS MEET. They Decide That They Have a Great Deal of Work Before Them.

Boston, January 1.—The annual meeting o the International Copyright Association was held yesterday. President W. Elliot presided. There were also present H. O. Houghton, Rev. Joseph Cook, Rev. W. E. Griffo, Daniel Lothrop, W. T. Adams, James Parton and others. Dana Estes, the Secretary, said he had no Dana Estes, the Secretary, said he had no formal report to make and that there seemed to be no special recommendations to make. Mr. Houghton mentioned cases of organized opposition to the work of the association, which he said had a great deal of work before it. It was decided best to defor the election of officers until a future date. \*

It was then voted that a committee of 15 be appointed by the Chair to assist the Executive Committee preparing an authors' reading or other entertainment to raise funds for the work of the association.

## WOULD LIKE TO BE SENATORS.

Six Colorado Citizens Who Want to Go Washington. DENVER, Col., January L.—The bienniai session of the General Assembly of Colorado will convene to-morrow. The session will be of considerable importance, as a U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Bowen is to be chosen. The candidates for this office are: Ex. Senator Tabor, ex-Congressman Symes, Senator Bowen, ex-Senator Chilcott, Rev. Dr. David H. Moore, and E. O. Wolcott, of Denver.

## A WORRIED ACTOR.

John A. Mackaye Disappears Rather Tha Attempt a New Part. NEW YORK, January 1 .- John A. Mackaye, the comedian, who has mysteriously disappeared, has not yet been found. Every ho

pital and police station in the city has been searched in vain. His mother has received a telegram saying he was going to Cleveland. It is believed that he has been overwrought with worry about his new part and has pre-ferred flight to the risk of making a failure.

Woerd died yesterday at Hackett, Cal., while en route from Los Angeles to San Francisco. He was born in Holland 70 years ago, and came to this town in early life. He did much to promote the growth of American watchmaking by the invention of many wonderful machines for the making of different parts of the watch.

#### AN EX-SLAVE AN ALDERMAN.

Jeff Davis' Old Servant Writes a Letter to

His Master. RALEIGH, N. C., January 1.- James H. Jones colored, of this city, who was Mr. Jefferson Davis' body servent while the latter was Presi-dent of the Southern Confederacy. wrote him a letter some weeks ago expressive of his high regard. Jones stated that he had not seen his former master since both were taken to Fortress Monroe. Jones was captured with Mr. Davisin Georgia, and made great efforts to secure his master's escape. Mr. Davis makes special men tion of him in his history. Jones has made particular denial of the story that Davis was at tired in woman's clothing when captured. Since the war Jones has lived here. He is a Repub-lican in politics, and has for 18 years been an Alderman. His love for Mr. Davis amounts to

devotion.

The following autograph letter came to-day from Mr. Davis, dated at Beauvoir, Miss., December 26.

"I was very glad to receive your letter, with

"I was very giad to receive your letter, with its assurance of kind remembrance, and it gave pleasure not only to me but also to my daughter, who was an infant when you last saw her. Mrs. Davis you know was always your particular friend. We have all rejoiced when we have heard of your honorable prosperity, and have felt that it was what was due to your integrity and fidelity. The wanty wars which and have felt that it was what was due to your integrity and fidelity. The many years which have come and gone since we parted have in nowise diminished my regard for you and interest in your welfare. On Christmas Day I mailed to you a portrait taken of me in order that you might see me as I now am.

"With the best wishes of myself, Mrs. Davis and all my household, I am truly your friend, "JEFFERSON DAVIS."

#### HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Evidence That the First Harrison Campaign Was Like the Last. INDIANAPOLIS, January L-A short time ago deneral Harrison received in his mail a scrap ook, which will prove decidedly interesting

It contains a history of the political campaign made by William Henry Harrison. This history is made up from newspaper clip-pings. All the speeches of that early campaign are contained in it, together with the stories and gossip of the campaign. It would charges of all sorts were made, just as during ater days, with the exception, probably, that they were more serious in nature. With per-usal of the clippings one would be especially struck with the incidents and happenings of the campaign of the grandfather, which re-peated themselves in that of the grandson. Strangest of all to those mostly interested is the fact the \$i-a-day story is also a repetition, save that William Henry Harrison was accused of saving that 10 contra a day was expensely for of saying that 10 cents a day was enough for any laboring man. That much compensation in those day, however, would probably be about an equevalent for a \$1 a day compensation at

the present time.

The charge appeared to have originated at some distant point, William Henry Harrison, it is shown, was warned of it by a friend, who in writing stated that the story was being spread, and that it was intended to reach Ohio so late in the campaign that its falsity could not be proved to those voters at distant points. There are similar interesting points and the There are similar interesting points, and the scrap-book will prove a valuable addition to the library of the President-elect.

#### AN INFANT MONSTROSITY. Two-Year Old Child Whose Head is Inches in Circumference.

al Telegram to the Dispatch. Johnstown, January 1 .- A Mr. and Ross, of Morrellville, are the parents of a son with a remarkable head. The child was born two years ago. At its birth it was apparently sound and healthy. Some time after the child was born its head began to grow out of all proportions to the rest of its anatomy. Doctors were consulted, and everything that medical cience suggested was applied to stay the unnatural development. All efforts proved futile, however, and the growth of its head continues. It is now 36 inches in circumference, or almost as big as a half-bushel measure. The body is about the right proportion for a 2-year-old child. The little one cannot stand owing to the weight of its head; neither can it speak, but it seems to understand what is said to it, and to have all its mental faculties unimpaired.

and to have at its mental faculties unim-paired.

The cause of the unnatural growth of the child's head is called by the doctors "hydroclephalus," or in plain English it is the accumulation of fluid in and about the brain, Medical science has no cure for the malady, and death is liable to occur to the sufferer at

any time.

ie of the Bad Habits Abandoned by Well-Known People Yesterday. From the New York Sun. 1 Mrs. Rive-Chanter from chumming for ad-

WHAT THEY SWORE OFF FROM.

ectives in the rivers of sixteenth century liter-Edgar Fawcett from mayhem of English The Emperor William from uniforms. The Prince of Wales from anti-fat,

The General Boulanger from Boulangering.
King Mwanga from being a bad man.
Mrs. Parsons from lecturing.
John Jacob Kilrain from Anglomania.
Fire Alarm Foraker from ringing himself up.
R. B. Hayes from charging double for singlecollect eggs. yolked eggs.
Matthew Stanley Quay, from shutting up.

# Matthew Stanley Quay, from shutting up. B. Harrison, ditto, William Walter Phelps will abandon his bright crimson scarfs and unbang his hair. Colonel Dan Lamont—Will give up shopping tours to New York. YANKEE GOLD HUNTERS REJOICE

Over the Discovery of Precious Metal i Massachusetts Hills. SPRINGFIELD, MASS., January 1.-Franklin county farmers are considerably excited over the discovery of gold among the Buckland Hills, and some are so enthusiastic as to pre-dict an old-fashioned California boom. The discovery has attracted the attention of ex-perts. The principal find is at an elevation of 1,500 feet above the mean sea level, and the de-posits are found in quartz veins, or reefs, traversing blue-slate rock in a northerly and southerly direction, nearly parallel with the glacial stria on the surface rock. They have increased in thickness as they have been dencreased in thickness as they have been de-reloped below the surface, the dip of the veins

eing very nearly perpendicular. Prepared for the Worst.

From the Chicago News.] General Harrison insured his life on Satur-day for \$10,000. This is good evidence that he is about to make public the names of the mem-bers of his Cabinet, and that he wants to be pre-

One of the Triumphs of the Campaign. From the Chicago News.] As one of the notable triumphs of the late

campaign of education it may be mentioned that the country has learned to pronounce Colonel John C. Dent. St. Louis, January 1 .- Colonel John C. Dent

prother-in-law of General Grant, died at his come in Carthage, Mc., early this morning,

ETIQUETTE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY. Do not leave the Jack of spades in your mir ster's card receiver. None of New York's best people ever go so far as to make calls in Chicago and Boston or

the same day.

such combinations as ice cream and lobster salad, absinthe and cider, champagne and old It is not necessary for you to wear a dress suit on New Year's morning when you call on your landlord to ask him to swear off 10 per cent of your rent. Do not carry a lunch basket with you either

If you expect to get home straight eschew

to shame those who receive but do not furnish spread, or to carry away what you cannot eat from the table of the lavish. NEVER mistake a cab for your own house and go to sleep in it. A cab at \$2 an hour is more expensive and not so luxurious a lodging

place as the Windsor Hotel. NEVER make more than 400 calls. Remember the limitations of society. The man who knows more than 400 swell people cannot be a member of the McGalluster circle.

Do not go about dropping potatoes in the bas kets on fashionable bell pulls. Because fash-lonable people are rude enough to hang out paskets is no excuse for your wasting so much good provender. Do not give yourself away on your one hundred and twenty-first call by asking the young lady who is entertaining you alone to introduce you to the other lady sitting beside her. If you so far forget yourself as to do this laugh the error off, and expatiate upon the mistakes astigmatism leads a man into.—New York Evening Sun.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Strawberry plants are in bloom in the Pallabassee country, Fla. -A man down in Whitfield County, La.,

has not slept for the last six weeks. -A shingle nail was found in a perfectly fresh egg recently by a farmer near Niles.

-Nine knots made in a black woolen thread formerly served as a charm in the case

-The Czar of Russia recently picked up 700 pounds of steel in a Petershoff gun factory, workers cheered. -In Paris, France, a big company has a

monopoly of the funerals. This company handles 50,000 bodies yearly. -A man can hire a house in Japan, keep two servants, and live on the fat of the land all for a little over \$20 a month. -In the Faroe islands there is a supersti-

tion that seals cast off their skins every ninth month and assume the human shape. -A prominent citizen of Fresno, Cal., has started a 'possum farm. He has procured a carload of the animals from Missouri,

-The number of muscles in an elephant's runk, according to London medical authorities, is 33 122, and he has use for each and every

-Some of the brick houses built in England 200 years ago are so cemented together that the walls have to be blown down with gun-powder when it is desired to erect new build-

-A grizzly bear that weighed 1,700 ounds was killed at Big Horn Basin, Wyoming Territory, a short time ago. One hundred and nine shots were fired from nine rifles before -Mr. Houston, of Sanford, Fla., has an

orange which measures 14x14½ inches in cir-cumference and weighs 1½ pounds. He has shipped a great many boxes of this variety which sold at 86 per box, running mostly 96 to -A new dynamo with a capacity to run

eight incandescent lights has been invented by a Vermont electrician. It has some novel feat--A recent novelty is an invention designed to facilitate the manufacture of durable bootheels. By its use a heel-shaped leather shell is made and filled with a solid body. It has also a novel device for pressing the leather into the approximate form and for molding and working it.

-Haymaking in December was the novel sight seen in the meadows back of the Pali-sades, near New Durham, N. Y., the other day. The grass thus cut at Christmas is marsh grass, and it can be gathered, because of the softness of the soil, only after the ground is frozen. The hay is used for bedding and packing.

-There was a terrible ending to the Christmas festivities at Austin, Mo. At an of which the heavy villain commits suicide, Walter Webb, a farmer, took the part. His foot caught under a loose board on the stage and he fell to the floor. The knife plerced his heart, killing him instantly.

-Colonel W. E. Earle, of Washington,

has presented to the State of South Carolina

the great seal of the Confederate States of America. The seal is of polished bronze three inches in diameter, bearing on one side the inscription: "The Confederate States of America; 22d February, 1862. Deo Vindice." And on the other an equestrian statue of Washington. -Zebulon Hancox, aged 79 years, of Stonington, Conn., was jilted by a village maiden many years ago, and since that time he has lived in a little hut, cooking his own food and wearing rags. By fishing he has accountand wearing rags. By issing as has accumulated money sufficient to build aine good houses, which he rents, and \$10,000 more which is lodged in the Stonington Savings Bank. He never purchases anything he can make. Buttons on his clothing are whittied from pine wood; he weighs his fish in wooden balances of

his own making, and in catching cels he uses a wooden spear. His yearly expenses average less than \$20. -It is not often that a fire is put out with wine. This was done last week at Kreuznach on the occasion of a fire which broke out at night in the house of a large wine merchant night in the house of a large wine merchant, soon enveloping the whole building. Some 60 houseasts of wine in the store could not only not be saved, but burst, and their contents ran into a ditch in the garden behind the house. Here the firemen placed their engines, with which they poured streams of wine upon the burning building, and succeeded in getting the fire under control. The fumes of the wine were so strong that the firemen had to be repeatedly relieved.

-Berry, the executioner, after the recent hanging at Worcester, England, visited Kid-derminster, where he was feted in a remarka-ble manner. He visited several public houses and at one was induced to make a speech to a large number of persons. He spoke of various executions carried out by him, and moralized upon his public cailing. He freely distributed his visiting cards, bearing his name and profession as "public executioner." One publican offered him 25 to lecture in the evening on his public duties. He conversed freely with all, and was followed about by a considerable number of persons, members of the corporation were introduced to him, and he held quite a levee at one hostelry.

-Horace Vernet, the artist, was going from Versailles to Paris by railway. In the same compartment with him were two ladies whom he had never seen before, but who were whom he had never seen before, but who were evidently acquainted with him. They examined him minutely and commented freely upon his martial bearing, his hale old age, the style of his dress, etc. They continued their annoyance until finally the painter determined to put an end to the persecution. As the train passed through the tunnel of St. Cloud the three travelers were wrapped in complete darkness. Vernet raised the back of his hand to his mouth and kissed it twice violently. On emerging from the obscurity he found that the ladies had withdrawn their attention from him and were accusing each other of having been kissed by a man in the dark. Presently they arrived at Paris and Vernet, on leaving them, said: "Ladies, I shall be puzzled all my life by the inquiry, which of these two ladies was it that kissed me?"

## FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

bound to grow .- Harvard Lampoon.

Why Harvard is Popular .- Hastings Hall, PI-Do you know why Harvard's getting to be such a great institution of learning?
Juck-Go-Easy-No; why?
H. H.—'Cause every freshman brings in some
knowledge, and no senior ever takes any out; it's

One Quality Lacking .- Popinjay-Blobson, your wife is like a Damascus blade. She is Blobson -Thanks; but I am sorry to say she cus blade.
Popinjay-Indeed! What is it? Blobson-Good temper. -Burlington Free Press, Scented the Battle. -First Stranger (in

street car)-I see you in these cars quite regu-larly, but seldom at this hour. Second Stranger-No, this is an extra trip. My wife wished me to go to a store and match t mings for her.

"Ah! Glad I met you. Here's my card. I am a divorce lawyer." - New York Weekty. Misplaced Sympathy .- Citizen-Why are

you in this condition?
Tramp—It is not long to tell, sir. I can't live with my wife.

Citizen (filled with sympathy, because he has just had a quarrel with his own)—Poor man! I deeply feel for you. Here's a quarter. Tell me why you can't live with your wife? "Because she won't support me. Ta, tal".-

A Special Inducement.-Friend (to very sick youth)—Charley, you must brace up and get well. I have some glorious news for you. Sick youth (feebly)—What is it? Friend—Your Aunt Minerva told me personally that if you'd only try and get well she would

leave you every dollar she's got in the world.
Sick youth (with more strength)—Is that so,
Fred? Did you ask her how much she is worth?— The Epoch. A Good Reason .- "Excuse me," said the

"Yes sir," replied the girl, "but you can't get it just yet."
"Why?"
"Because the lady hasn't had time to undo it
and examine the contents. Please call in about
half an hour."—Detroit Free Press. The Shadow of Coming Events .- "What

an elegant gentleman that was with whom you parted in the depot to-day, Arthur!"
"Very nice, Bella."
"He sald as he took your hand: "We shall meet In that bourne from whence no Americans return.' Where was he going, Arthur?'
"To Canada, my dear. He was running off with the funds of the Home Savings Institution."

That handsome young gentleman? And pray, what made him speak his parting response?"
"Oh, he knew that I have Just been elected.
Cashier of the Spread Eagle National Bank. His remarks were merely anticipatory; nothing more I assure you, Bella. "-Drake's Magazine.